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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: 10/775,091)	
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Filed: February 11, 2004)	
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For: IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM)	August 13, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of Japan 2001-105689 is also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Publication No. 2002-0109856
- (2) U.S. Publication No. 2002-0109758
- (3) Japan 2001-105689

Documents (1) and (2) have a common inventor with, and are commonly assigned with, the subject application.

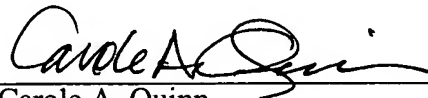
Document (3) was cited in the specification at page 1 and is believed to be pertinent for the reasons noted in the specification. An English-language abstract of document (3) is enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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